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### **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

John D. Smith Occupational Safety and Health Administration Frances Perkins Building 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210

Re:

Information Correction Request for Salem Glass Company

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of Salem Glass Company (Salem), I respectfully submit this Information Correction Request. Salem requests that the detail for Inspection 312908791 on OSHA's IMIS system be corrected to indicate that the last event in the inspection was "W-Withdrawn," as opposed to "ALJ Decision," which is currently listed on the system. Salem's reasons for this request follow.

Inspection 312908791 – Salem Glass Company, attached as Exhibit A, reflects an investigation initiated by OSHA in October 2008. OSHA issued two citation items against Salem at the conclusion of that inspection, which Salem contested. As a result of discussions with Department of Labor officials regarding the case, DOL withdrew all citation items issued, as reflected in the "Withdrawal of Citation and Complaint" (attached as Exhibit B).

DOL filed the withdrawal with the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (Commission), as per Commission procedures. Administrative Law Judge Bober approved the settlement. However, Judge Bober issued no "decision" in the case and certainly did not rule on the merits of the citation items. Judge Bober's approval of the withdrawal was simply a procedural formality, given the timing of DOL's action. Indicating that this case was resolved by an ALJ Decision is thus incorrect and misleading to the public. It suggests that a decision on the merits of the case was made by an ALJ, after a hearing on the matter. That did not occur in this case as DOL withdrew all citations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Salem submitted an earlier information correction request related to this inspection, asserting that the prior version of the IMIS Inspection Detail showing the last event as "F-Formal Settlement" was incorrect. Apparently, OSHA agreed with Salem's assertion; however, for the reasons set forth in this letter, OSHA has still not accurately recorded the last event.

Salem respectfully states that the correct annotation for the final event is in fact the one that occurred: DOL withdrew the citation items. To accurately reflect this last event, Salem requests that the last event be changed to "W-Withdrawn." Salem requests that this change be made in the main entry (Exhibit A), as well as in the violation item details, shown in Exhibit C.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

JACKSON LEWIS LLP

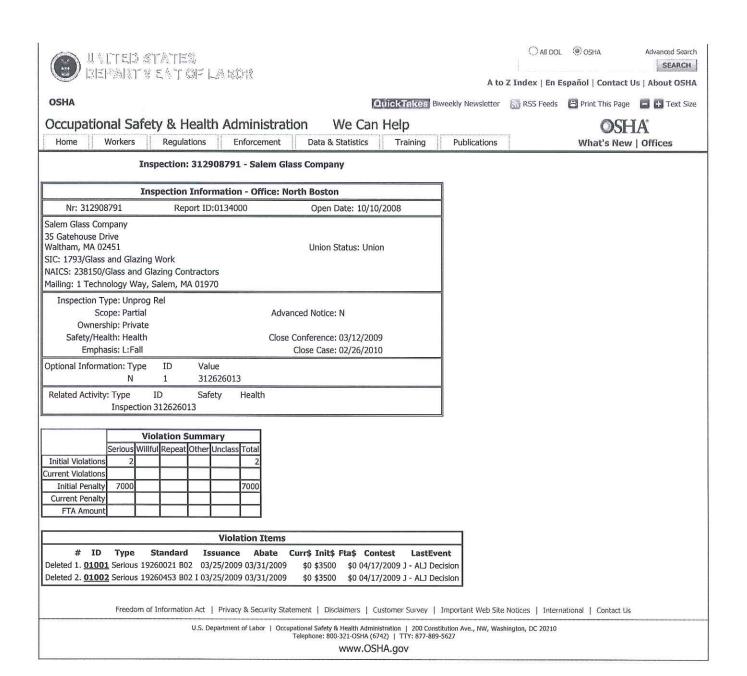
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**Enclosures** 

4818-6752-7431, v. 1

## EXHIBIT A



# EXHIBIT B

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

#### WITHDRAWAL OF CITATION AND COMPLAINT

Now comes the Complainant, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, and hereby withdraws Serious Citation 1, Items 1 and 2 and their penalties along with her Complaint which is the subject of the above captioned case.

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### EXHIBIT C

